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SUBJ: MEXICAN PRESIDENT VISITS SENEGAL

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1. SUMMARY: MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA VISITED DAKAR
FROM JULY 10 TO JULY 14. DURING VISIT, BOTH PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR REPEATEDLY ENUNCIATED NEED
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FOR THIRD WORLD UNITY IN CREATING NEW INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) AND COOPERATION IN ARRESTING DETERIORATION IN TERMS OF TRADE. ECHEVERRIA WAS PRAISED PUBLICLY AS INITIATOR OF CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. HOWEVER, IN PRIVATE, SOME SENEGALESE LEADERS EXPRESSED FEELING HE WAS TRYING TOO HARD TO CATAPULT HIMSELF TO THIRD WORLD LEADERSHIP POSITION. END SUMMARY

2. WHILE IN SENEGAL PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND HIS ENTOURAGE HAD MEETINGS WITH GOS OFFICIALS, ATTENDED LUNCH GIVEN BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR, VISITED INDUSTRIES AND TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTES IN DAKAR AREA, VISITED VARIOUS MUSEUMS AND MADE SIDE TRIP TO GOREE ISLAND FROM WHERE MANY SLAVES LEFT AFRICA FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE YEARS AGO. ECHEVERRIA REQUESTED TOUR OF TYPICAL SENEGALESE MARKET WHICH HE FOUND SIMILAR TO MARKETS IN MEXICO. HE LATER RELATED HIS VISIT THERE TO NEED FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS MEXICO AND SENEGAL TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN ECONOMIC SYSTEMS BASED ON THEIR OWN TRADITIONS WITHOUT ASSUMING FOREIGN WAYS ALWAYS BEST.

3. IN TOAST MADE AT LUNCH FOR PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, PRESIDENT SENGHOR PRAISED COURAGEOUS POSITION ECHEVERRIA TOOK IN FORMULATING CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. HE DWELT AT LENGTH ON COMMON PROBLEMS FACING MEXICO AND SENEGAL IN STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM OF GREAT POWERS. HE STRESSED NEED FOR THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY AND NOTED THAT MEXICO BY ITS SIZE, POLITICAL TRADITION, AND ACTION OF ITS PRESIDENT HAD BECOME A MOVING FORCE IN LATIN AMERICA, THE THIRD CONTINENT OF THIRD WORLD.

4. ECHEVERRIA REPLIED BY ALSO UNDERLINING NECESSITY FOR COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS OF THIRD WORLD. ECHEVERRIA STRESSED THAT PRODUCERS OF FOOD ON LARGE SCALE SHOULD NOT ONLY PRODUCE FOR THEIR OWN NEEDS AND IN EXPECTATION OF COMMERCIAL PROFIT, BUT WITH VIEW TOWARDS CREATION OF FOOD RESERVES FOR ALL HUMANITY. HE SAID NOTHING COULD BE MORE SHAMEFUL THAN TO USE FOOD AID AS NEW ELEMENT OF DOMINATION. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IN HIS REMARKS ALSO WELCOMED INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, CONDEMNED APARTHIED, ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND DENIAL OF POLITICAL RIGHTS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RHODESIA. HE MADE SPECIAL POINT OF ANNOUNCING THAT UNIVERSITY OF THIRD WORLD AND INSTITUTE OF THIRD WORLD HAD BEEN OPENED IN MEXICO CITY.

5. IN PRESS CONFERENCE HELD JOINTLY WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA CALLED FOR ACCELERATING PACE TOWARDS NIEO. ON SUBJECT OF CUBA, HE AVERRED THAT AT COSTA RICAN MEETING OF OAS, MEXICO WOULD PROPOSE THAT DECISION

WITH REGARD TO RELATIONS WITH CUBA SHOULD BE TAKEN BY SIMPLE RATHER THAN TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE. HE SAID MEXICO NOT YET MEMBER OF OPEC BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INVITED AND WAS NOT YET LARGE PETROLEUM EXPORTER. AFTER HISTORICAL REVIEW OF US-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND US-MEXICAN WAR OF CENTURY AGO, ECHEVERRIA NOTED THAT EXPANSION OF US HAD NOT BEEN ONLY WESTWARD BUT SOUTHWARD. INVADERS OF MEXICO, FRENCH OR ANGLO-SAXON, HE CONTINUED, HAD ALWAYS BENEFITED FROM COMPLICITY OF MEXICAN BOURGEOISIE. HE SAID THAT IS WHY MEXICO DECIDED TO TURN TOWARDS OTHER COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR TOWARDS THIRD WORLD.

6. JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY TWO PRESIDENTS SAID CONSTRUCTION OF NIEO SHOULD BE ON BASIS OF PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. IT TOO CALLED FOR LDC SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION ON RAW MATERIALS. IT SAID THAT PEACE IN WORLD MUST BE FACILITATED BY DIALOGUE AND DETENTE. SERIOUS PROBLEMS HAD TO BE RESOLVED WITH HELP OF ALL COUNTRIES, AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE A GREATER ROLE THAN HITHERTO. TWO CHIEFS OF STATE BELIEVED STRICT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN WORLDWIDE AND URGENTLY TO BRING ABOUT GENERAL AND TOTAL DISARMAMENT. ON BILATERAL COOPERATION, TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED NEW ACCORDS (1) CREATING A JOINT COMMISSION OF COOPERATION, (2) ESTABLISHING COOPERATION ON MATTERS OF TOURISM, AND (3) PROVIDING FOR COPRODUCTION OF MOVIES. CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WERE ALSO APPROVED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT SENEGAL WOULD SEND MISSION TO MEXICO TO STUDY ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION, AGRICULTURE, STOCK-RAISING, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, WATER MANAGEMENT AND IRRIGATION.

7. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF COMMUNIQUE TO DEPARTMENT (ARA/MEX) AND MEXICO CITY.
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8. COMMENT: CALL FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT A NEW ELEMENT IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN SENEGAL AFTER SUCH CHIEF OF STATE VISIT, AND THEREFORE PROBABLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO

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MEXICAN WISHES. ACCORDING TO SENEGALESE ATTENDING
DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION FOR ECHEVERRIA, MEXICAN PRESIDENT
SEEMED TO TRY TOO HARD DURING VISIT TO BURNISH HIS THIRD
WORLD IMAGE. SENEGALESE ALSO GREW WEARY WHEN, AT LUNCH,
ECHEVERRIA FOLLOWED HIS TWENTY MINUTE WRITTEN TOAST WITH
RAMBLING EXTEMPORANEOUS DENUNCIATION OF EVILS OF SLAVE
TRADE, GLORIES OF AFRICAN AND MEXICAN MARKETS, AND APPROPRIATE-
NESS OF CHANGING APPELLATION OF LATIN AMERICA TO LATIN-INDO-
AFRO-AMERICA. ECHEVERRIA SPENT MINIMUM TIME WITH
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AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AT CEREMONIES AND GRATUITIOUS COMMENTS
ABOUT US IN HIS SPEECHES SUGGESTED THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTENT
ON DEMONSTRATING MEXICAN RESISTANCE TO U.S. INFLUENCE.
MEXICAN AMBASSADOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN ECHEVERRIA'S
ENTOURAGE SEEMED SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY PRESIDENT'S

BEHAVIOR AND WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO BE FRIENDLY TO
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE.
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